

THE CLAIMS

The claims of the application, as amended, are:

1. (Previously Presented) A scented pellet arranged to be added to the melt pool of a candle for introducing scent to the candle comprising a bulk material, a scent and a coating, wherein the concentration of scent in the coating is less than the concentration of scent in the bulk material, and wherein the pellet is arranged to release the scent upon melting of the bulk material.
2. (Original) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the bulk material comprises a wax.
3. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the volume concentration of scent in the pellet is at least 3%.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 3, wherein the volume concentration of scent is at least 10%.
6. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to Claim 3, wherein the volume concentration of scent is at least 50%.
7. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the scent is a perfume.

8. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to any of claim 1, wherein the scent is fragrant oil.

9. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the bulk material and scent are mixed to form a solid at room temperature.

10. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the bulk material and scent are mixed to form a paste at room temperature.

11. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein a mixture of bulk material and scent comprises foamed solid material at room temperature.

12. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the pellet comprises a liquid scent core within a solid bulk material.

13. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the bulk material contains a colourant.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the coating is made from wax.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the coating contains no scent.

18. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the coating contains a colourant.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the pellet comprises a shape selected from a sphere, cylinder, cube, tear-drop, disc, horseshoe, cigar shape and any other suitable ergonomic shape.

22. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the pellet is shaped such that the wick of a candle can pass inside its outer bounding perimeter.

23. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the melting temperature of the bulk material is in the range of 40°C to 90°C.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the outer surface of the pellet is treated to reduce the porosity of the pellet.

26. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the outer surface of the pellet is treated to increase the mechanical strength of the pellet.

27. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the bulk material further comprises additives to increase the uptake of scent.

28. (Previously Presented) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the bulk material further comprises additives to increase the hardness of the bulk material.

29. (Original) A method of introducing scent to a candle, the method comprising the step of adding one or more scented pellets to the melt pool formed around the wick of a lit candle.

30. (Original) A method according to claim 29, further comprising the step of allowing the one or more pellets to melt in the melt pool of the candle, facilitating release of the scent.

31. (Original) A method according to claim 30, wherein scent is released by the motion of convection currents established in the melt pool of the candle.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)